

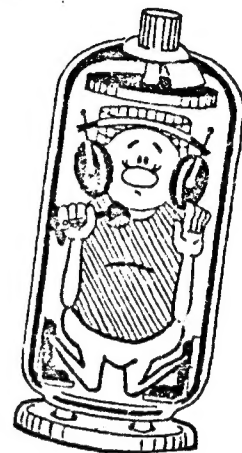
ELECTRONICS

April
1981

**** FLEA MARKET ****



**Hampden
County
Radio
Association**



LOCATION: FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
FEEDING HILLS, MASSACHUSETTS

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FRIDAY, MAY 1, 81

TIDBITS

WBlDTZ worked Easter Island...WAlWSR playing with four-wheel drive vehicles, will start to study to upgrade soon...Heather, Bill, Jean, and Norm had a great time at J87; worked many WM friends. expect an article from them soon...WAlITL is new WMPN manager... WlBVr resigned as ass't SCM, going to miss the "Noble touch"... NlNB runs a model forest on his land...Mount Tom ARA did usual FB job at the St. Patrick's Day Parade...April issue of the Southwoods magazine featured an article about the HCRA...KAlBNN, KlyQQ et al, went to Boston to testify for the Ham license plate fees, FB!...WlUKR, WlKUL may move to Florida; hate to see you go Eunie and Bob... WAlDNE is retiring from the workforce...WlDVW finding the time to check into WMN again...WAlPUX bought a home computer...

HAMPDEN COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION NOMINATIONS FOR
-HAM OF THE YEAR-

Send the form below or a postcard to KAlCRG, Ray Morin, yon Zero Beat editor.

Rules:

1. Any licensed radio amateur can be nominated.
2. Only HCRA members may nominate someone.
3. Only HCRA members may vote.

Voting will be done at the May Flea Market. Ballots will be in the May Zero Beat and at the flea market. Award will be presented at the June Banquet.

I nominate _____, _____,
NAME CALLSIGN

to be placed on the ballot for the Hampden County Radio Association Ham of the Year award.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

FOR SALE OR TRADE: GE Procline base station, new CX, on 165Mhz right now, \$175.00: Bell and Howell video recorder, mdl VR3300, with extra circuit boards, parts and complete manual. \$100.00 Fluke 407D precision power supply, 0-550 V, etc w/ manual \$60.00 KlBE evenings: 569-6739 (May be sold by the time you read this.)

For Sale: TPL 2 meter amplifier, 10 in, 80 out, new, won by WBlAPD at BoXboro, \$100.00 contact KlBE above.

FOR QUICK SALE, MOVING: P9FTs (4) \$20.00 each; Collins 51S1 dusty, \$150.00; TH3MK3, never used for DX, \$40.00; QSTs, 1920 to 1925, \$1.00 each, specify year and month; Capacitance bridge rectifier for VHS work, \$20.00 Contact me on .34/.94 phone disconnected

SILENT KEY: PLAN NOW.

Opinion by K1BE

It's always sad to have one of our ham friends pass on. We all know that our turn awaits us. Plan now for the disposal of your ham radio equipment. Most wives have no idea what's in the shack, never mind its dollar value! Did you want to give your faithful telegraph key to a trusted friend for continued use? Will all your treasured club photos and momentos end up in the woodstove?

I would suggest you draw up a list to be kept in the ham desk or with your last will. (By the way, Massachusetts is not a good state to die in without a will. Two years after your death, the state and the lawyers will be richer, but not your loved one!) Put on this list the name, address, and phone numbers of trusted hams willing to help dispose of your gear. It's a good idea to ask their permission first, but not essential. List all of your major pieces of paraphernalia, and their approximate value. Any small items you want friends to have could be mentioned. Large, expensive items should be included in your will. A problem with setting values is that even though you paid \$800.00 for that Yaesu transceiver, the company has issued six new models since. So today it might only be worth \$300.00. QST ads, yellow pages, and dealer's used equipment prices should be used for reference.

People are people, and no one believes that tomorrow is the day the angels will come for them. For people who never make up a list I'd like to suggest an informal club policy. To help out the family, the club president could recommend two club members to handle the estate. The family could pick one and have them do one of several things:

1. Inventory the equipment and set a cash value.
 - a. make an "entire lot" purchase and re-sell the stuff to get the money back. (sometimes takes a whole year!)
 - b. Agree to sell the equipment for the family gratis, or for 10% commission plus expenses.
 - c. Help the family sell the estate by providing the places to put ads, etc.

It is a true labor of love and hard work to take care of an estate. If this policy is adopted, the club president should not buy any of the estate items to avoid any hints of collusion.

Years ago one of our old time HCRA members was going into the hospital for brain surgery. He took the time to send along some old issues of "Zero Beat". He died during the operation but because of his thoughtfulness, the club now has some valuable historical records. You all enjoyed the series: "____ Years Ago in Zero Beat". What better way to remember old friends? Set aside that HCRA memorabilia so that the club gets it.

73,

K1BE

"They are not gone, they are on the trail ahead."

CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

- I. Please check your preference for the current and future activities that you would like to see your club involved in:

	<u>good</u>	<u>fair</u>	<u>poor</u>
Field day	_____	_____	_____
Auction	_____	_____	_____
Flea market	_____	_____	_____
Christmas party	_____	_____	_____
June Banquet	_____	_____	_____
Club sponsored	_____	_____	_____
Novice & general cls.	_____	_____	_____
Summer picnic	_____	_____	_____
Field trips	_____	_____	_____
Connecticut River boat trips	_____	_____	_____

- II. Speakers & meeting subject matter:

Microwave	_____	_____	_____
Dx	_____	_____	_____
Troubleshooting ham equipment	_____	_____	_____
Wave propagation	_____	_____	_____
Antennas	_____	_____	_____
F.C.C. rules & regs.	_____	_____	_____
Satellite Communiation	_____	_____	_____
Computers	_____	_____	_____
Ham Television	_____	_____	_____
Packet Radio	_____	_____	_____
Radio teletype	_____	_____	_____
Emergency Comm.	_____	_____	_____
Fibre optics	_____	_____	_____
Others?	_____	_____	_____

- III. Meetings:

a) Club business portion.
 To long _____ To short _____ Just right _____

QUESTIONNAIRE (CONT.)

b) Length of time for speakers.

30 minutes _____ 45 Minutes _____ 60 Minutes _____ ?

c) Do you agree that a roll call of members (including recognition of new members) start each meeting?

Yes _____ No _____

d) Do you believe the club should relate itself only to technical or radio related activities?

Yes _____ No _____

e) What do you like about your club HCRA?

f) What do you dislike about your club, and how could this be improved?

The HCRA BROKE THE 200,000 POINT MARK in the JANUARY VHF CONTEST

TIDBITS

FRED KALAPR, is active on 6M and 2M with a new DRAKE transverter
ART WlKK, is busier than ever, teaching novice classes on Monday
evenings

JOHN, AC1T, is super happy about his new RShack multimeter and its
20% error factor GOOD LUCK WITH IT JOHN

FOR SALE VACUUM TUBES

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for the offices of President, Vice- President, Secretary, and Treasurer are invited. The actual nominations will be made at the June banquet immediately preceding the annual election, however, this preliminary nomination will provide the opportunity to present potential candidates to the membership for consideration prior to the election.

Please indicate your suggestions for any or all of the offices shown below, remove this sheet from ZERO BEAT and return it to the nominating committee. It is pre-addressed on the reverse side for your convenience. Remember to use 18 cents postage.

I hereby submit the following names for nomination:

PRESIDENT _____ CALL _____

VICE PRESIDENT _____ CALL _____

SECRETARY _____ CALL _____

TREASURER _____ CALL _____

Signature _____ Call _____

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Paul J. Kress, WA1ZKT
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Westfield, MA 01085

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The Board of Directors are working very hard to make our meeting and activities interesting for its members. They are pausing at this time to reflect over the past and consider the future, here is where everyone can help. We have enclosed in this issue several places for you to fill out and return to us. We have also made it easy for you to get the forms back to us by leaving a page addressed to W1ZKT which you can use to mail these forms back to the board of directors. We have also included WBLETS's address should you prefer to send your responses to the president directly. Next September is approaching and your inputs will be needed and considered when we plan your next year with the club.

This could be the year for you to join the board, we are looking for new members who are willing to work on the board, perhaps chair a meeting or handle the coffee bar, what ever, lets hear from you if you are willing to serve the club.

Do you know of a club member who has serve the Amateur Radio Community well and is deserving of the Amateur of the Year Award? Well let your feelings be known. Fill out the form and send it in to the board.

On page 2 of this issue we have included a full page add for our Flea Market, we are asking that you post this ad where it will be notice. The more sellers we have the better.

One final note I would like to thank all of the contributors that help me with Zero Beat. Jeff, K1BE with his timely articles. Gent, W1CQF for his find technical articles. Paul, W1ZKT for his help and encouragement. Jack, W1YYK for his help typing the articles you see in Zero Beat (typos are done by me)

I would like to give a special word of thanks to K1DTH who corolates and lables all the issues as well as mails them.

Last but not forgotten Ron. WBLETS who puts his computer to work printing all the address labels. Thank You All who have inputed to Zero Beat.

RAY K1CRG Editor

ARRL BULLETIN NR 24 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS
NEWINGTON CT MARCH 3, 1981 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

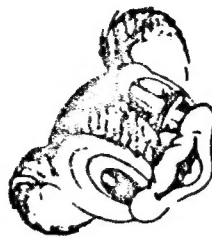
Volunteers would be permitted to assist FCC in monitoring violations of Amateur and CB rules and in preparing and administering FCC examinations under a bill just introduced into the House by U.S. Representative William E. Dannemeyer, Republican of California. The Bill, known as HR 2203, has been assigned to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Consumer Protection and Finance, Committee on Energy and Commerce. For more information on this bill, write to Perry Williams W1UED at ARRL Headquarters or see Happenings, April QST AR

MEETING NOTICE APRIL 3, 81

PLACE:
FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CORNER OF ROUTES 57&187
FEEDING HILLS, MASS.
TIME: 8PM
TOPIC: FEED LINES AND TUNERS
SPEAKER: WYK Art Z. and
WITM Bill, L.

COMING EVENTS
FLEA MARKET MAY 1st, 1981
JUNE BANQUET/ IC2AT DRAWING
FIELD DAY

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